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Two New Education Lottery Instant Scratch-off Games To Be In Stores Tuesday

RALEIGH – North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) players will have two new instant scratch-off games to choose from this week. Players can look for "Firecracker Cash" and "9's In A Line" starting Tuesday.

The "Firecracker Cash" game costs \$1 and has 12 top prizes of \$7,000 plus 25 chances to win \$1,000. The "9's In A Line" game also costs \$1 and has 15 top prizes of \$9,999 plus 550 chances at winning \$999. The release of these games brings the total number of instant scratch-offs to 12.

As of Sunday, retailers had sold over \$180 million in tickets and paid out more than \$97 million in prizes. There are still 78 total top prizes remaining in the current games. "Carolina Cash" still has three \$100,000 prizes remaining and "Ruby Red 7's" has eight \$77,777 prizes remaining.

The NCEL will transfer 100% of the net proceeds from ticket sales into the Education Lottery Fund that will be used to pay for pre-kindergarten programs for at-risk four-year-olds, class size reduction, school construction, and provide college scholarships to need-based individuals.

Players who want to know more about the games currently available, the new games that will be introduced, the odds, how to find a retailer near them, or how to play should call the **Player Services Hotline at (877) 962-7529** or visit the NCEL Player Website at www.nc-educationlottery.org.

Editor's note: To receive a PDF version of the "How to Play" brochure for the new instant scratch-off games, e-mail Pam.Walker@lotterync.net or contact the NCEL Communications Office at (919) 715-6886.

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